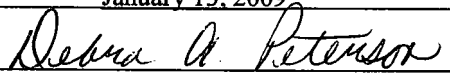


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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

This response addresses the issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed November 14, 2008, having a period for response set to expire on February 14, 2009. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11.

**Conclusion** begins on page 15.